

**Constitution Revision Commission
Legislative Committee
Proposal Analysis**

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the proposal as of the latest date listed below.)

Proposal #: P 103

Relating to: LEGISLATURE, Sessions of the legislature

Introducer(s): Commissioner Nuñez

Article/Section affected:

Date: December 4, 2017

REFERENCE	ACTION
1. <u>LE</u>	<u>Pre-meeting</u>

I. SUMMARY:

The Florida Legislature would convene for regular session on the second Tuesday after the first Monday in January of each even-numbered year.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

The time to convene the 60-day Regular Session¹ of the Legislature is prescribed in subsection (b) of Section 3 of Article III of the State Constitution.

“A regular session of the legislature shall convene on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March of each odd-numbered year, and on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March, or such other date as may be fixed by law, of each even-numbered year.”²

Currently, there is no law fixing the date for the Regular Session to convene in even numbered years. Chapter 2016-218, Laws of Florida, set January 9, 2018, as the date to convene the 2018 Regular Session. That law applies only to the 2018 Regular Session.

EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Proposal 103 provides that the Legislature convene for regular session on the second Tuesday after the first Monday in January of each even-numbered year.

¹ The length of the Regular Session is prescribed in Article III, s. 3(d), Florida Constitution.

² Article III, s. 3(b), Florida Constitution.

B. FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

III. Additional Information:

A. Statement of Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the current version and the prior version of the proposal.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.

C. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

D. Related Issues: